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## News and Events

### **CAS Dean Candidates**

The CAS Dean Search Committee, chaired by Dean Deborah Bordelon, has identified three finalists for the position. The three candidates will be on campus in early December for a full day of interviews. In addition, each candidate will give a public presentation. The full schedule for each candidate will be posted in next week's GSU View along with their vitae.

In the meantime, please note the following days that candidates will be on campus:

Monday, December 6, 2010 – Dr. Patricia Sullivan

Tuesday, December 7, 2010 – Dr. James Payne

Thursday, December 9, 2010 – Dr. Tamera Hunt

For questions or additional information, please contact [Penny Perdue](#) at ext. 4130.

### **Happy Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving is almost here. The university will be closed from November 25 through 28. President Maimon's message to the campus community wishes everyone a joyful holiday.

Read [President Maimon's Thanksgiving message](#).

### **IRiS - Meet the Finance Operations Team**



The Finance Operations Team has successfully reached an important milestone. After months of training and consulting sessions, the much-needed General Ledger, the central accounting legend for GSU's financial records, is complete.

The General Ledger needs to be in place so that

Financial Aid, Human Resources, and Advancement can “go live” with the Datatel Colleague system in January. Team Leader Karen Kissel and her members spent endless hours building completing this portion of the project. For all their hard work, Financial Operations, along with Human Resources, enjoyed a congratulatory visit from President Maimon and the Executive Sponsor Team. Many of the Finance Operations Team members are also on the Human Resources and Payroll Team.



GSU has many of things to be thankful for this year, and the successful efforts of Finance Operations, Human Resources, and the rest of the IRiS Project teams are at the top of the list.

Team members are Karen Kissel, Cathy Casson, Barry Ryan, Jane Siefker, Vicki Wright, Katie Frossard-Fisher, Shirley Zhang, Selina Ward, Penny Havlicek, Denise Jones, Tracy Sullivan, John Stoll, Emma Ziems, and Jeanne Hagen.

## **Cyber-Bullying**

Cyber-Bullying is no longer only an elementary and secondary education problem. Online bullying and electronic harassment are happening to college students. Campus professionals need to prepare to educate and address bullying behavior that uses technology and social media.

Student Life is sponsoring *Cyber Bullying Comes to Campus: Preparation, Prevention and Policies Webinar*, on December 8, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., in B2203.

Learn from our presenters about:

- Common cyber-bully attacks and the impact they have on students, faculty, staff, and the larger campus community.
- Different campus approaches to this behavior (on and off campus).
- Cyber-bullying and technologies/platforms - text messaging, Facebook, Juicycampus, and more.
- Case studies related to cyber-bullying.
- Cyber-bullying from a conduct, legal, and counseling perspective.

Registration is not required. For more information, contact Sheree Sanderson at ext. 4552.

## **Online Program Scholarships**

Applications for the Center for Online Teaching and Learning's Adjunct

Scholarship program are due by December 1.

The purpose of the scholarship is to help faculty members complete the graduate Certificate Program in Online Teaching. The certificate program consists of the four, three credit hour courses. All courses are offered in a fully-online format with no on campus requirements.

Those faculty members who currently teach courses at GSU and who do not qualify for employee tuition waivers are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

The scholarship is provided by the Division of Digital Learning and Media Design. It covers all tuition and associated university fees. Scholarship recipients are determined by the deans of the colleges, in consultation with division and program chairs as appropriate.

Download [ONTL Scholarship Application](#).

To learn more, visit the [Certificate for Online Learning web page](#).

### **Nominations for Student Speaker**

Recognize the worthy, exemplary, soon-to-be graduating student! Nominations are now being accepted for Commencement Student Speaker for the February Commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, February 5, 2011.

Nomination forms are available at the [Student Life website](#). Both nomination forms must be completed and sent to [Sheree Sanderson](#), no later than Tuesday, November 30. Students must be available for an interview.

### **Human Performance and Training Party**

The Human Performance and Training (HPT) program is hosting a meet and greet party on Wednesday, December 8, from 7 to 9 p.m., in E-Lounge. Prospective students interested in learning more about the HPT program as well as current HPT students are invited to interact with program alumni and faculty. Refreshments will be served.

For more information about this event, please contact [Dr. Mary Lanigan](#).

### **Education and Dance**

*Transforming Urban Education through the Art of Dance*, is a special presentation and live performance by DanceArt, has been rescheduled. The presentation will be tonight, from 5 to 6 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts. A reception celebrating DanceArt's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary will

be held at 6 p.m., immediately following the presentation. Both the performance and reception are free and open to the public.

The event is supported by the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecture Series and the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

## **Math Educators Learn from GSU Students**

GSU graduate and undergraduate math education students had the opportunity to teach educators recently when they presented at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Illinois Council of Teacher of Mathematics in Springfield, Illinois.



The students presented math activities they designed based on the sculptures in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Dr. Dianna Galante, Associate Professor of Mathematics, asked her students to develop an alternative assessment activity using one of the sculptures to measure student understanding of a particular math concept. Each student chose a different piece of artwork and developed the lesson and assessment. The lessons were designed for sixth through twelfth graders.

The opportunity to present at the conference and share their ingenious lessons with educators from across the state also gave her students an important experience. "The exchange of ideas in education is a very important tool in creating better teachers," says Galante.

Most of the students who presented in Springfield are currently student teaching in middle schools and high schools throughout the south suburbs. The students are Daniel Lawrence of Frankfort, Joseph Kelly of Oak Lawn, Jonathan Forkal of Joliet, Alyssa DiBenedetto of Mokena, Dawn Wolf of Beecher, Pamela Anzelone of Romeoville, Abigail Garcia of Lockport, Brittany Washington of Richton Park, and Caitlin Adamski of Orland Park.

